

STUART R. PADDOCK PTA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2009

Date and Place

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on March 17, 2009. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Minutes (Susanne Glazbrook)

Minutes from the February 19, 2009 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Jill May motioned for approval. Linda Steck seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Steck)

The Treasurer's report dated "March 17, 2009" was presented. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence (Jenny Kendall)

We received thank you note re the box tops party, sheet music for chorus and the Earth Balloon event.

Principal's Report (Guy Herrmann)

We are finishing up with testing, but more after spring break. Then we have MAP testing and we will be preparing growth targets. The 6th grader IAAT (7th grade math placement test) – then we're finished with assessments.

Legislation Report & BOE Meeting (Terri Norris)

March 11th Special Ed meeting, initiatives re intervention. District will screen to identify those not making adequate progress and will help them meet deficits. Paddock has 8 teachers going to conferences on math & reading to help analyze data to determine if students need additional help. Technology update, the district is moving forward. IL is expected to receive \$1 billion from the federal stimulus package for special ed, early childhood, curriculum development. Candidate forum is tomorrow at 7 pm. District 15 meetings are aired on Comcast cable or you can call the district office and check out DVDs. We will be pilot school for technology classrooms of the future (smart board integrated technology, docking system, clickers, speakers, teachers have a slate to use) – we will be receive support for curriculum and technology. There will be one primary and 3 intermediate pilot classrooms. Mr. Herrmann asked for teachers to volunteer – 6 volunteers, they will be drawing straws to determine the 4 classrooms.

NWSC News: (Jen DeFranco)

State Convention Update – Paddock won the following awards at State: Newsletter Honorable Mention, Healthy Kidz Award (fitness day), Environmental Concern Award (earth day), Legislation Award and we got 1st place Juvenile Safety Award for the bullying week activities.

Old Business: (Jen DeFranco)

- We are still trying to fill the following positions: Cultural Awareness, Environmental Ed, Health/Safety Awareness, Wellness/Fitness Awareness, Holiday Arts & Crafts chair, School Carnival Chair, Book Fair Co-Chair – if you know anyone interested or someone who would fit one of these roles well, please let us know.
- Nominating Committee Report (Linda Steck). The nominating committee presents the following candidates for 2009-2010:
President: Jennifer DeFranco
President Elect: Gina Brinckerhoff
1st Vice President - Programs: Teja Kics
2nd Vice President- Ways & Means: Jeffrey Phillips & Michael Steck
3rd Vice President - Legislation: Darcy Killigrew
Secretary: Jennifer Hurwitz
Treasurer: Linda Steck

New Business: (Jen DeFranco)

- April General Membership Meeting is April 29th with the Open House (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm). We will vote on officer slate, programs for next year and budget changes – April board meeting (April 21) will be discussion of 2009/2010 programs.

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Committee Reports

Panther Press Update – next issue will be posted on Friday, April 3. Deadline for submissions will be March 30th.

Programs – Earth Balloon was huge success!

Yearbook – Final deadline to order, March 20

Fun Fair – Saturday, May 30th 1 – 4 pm– will need lots of volunteers. Sign ups will start soon!

Kindergarten Reg is April 14 – will need volunteers

Environmental Ed – Earth Day contest is going on now. It's in Panther Press and we'll do a morning announcement. Jill will send a notice to Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Johanson who will forward the information to the teachers.

Teacher Appreciation – will be in this month's Panther Press asking for volunteers. We're finalizing the luncheon and plans for the week.

Reflections – Wonderful participation - Paddock had 143 entries. 5 kids advanced to State.

Book Club- We started small, 4th grade, we read over lunch. It's a wonderful program – the kids are really enjoying talking about the book and the kids really liked it. Hope next year will be 4, 5 & 6th, perhaps 3rd grade.

Drama Club? Jill Meier is part of IL Theatre association. The Arts are introduced well in the classroom, but not always on a school wide basis. Here are ideas for future programs: Metropolis performing arts center has outreach education program for integration into science & social studies. Northwestern student organization for 5th – 8th graders, do a pre-workshop, do a production and then a post production workshop and it's free. A publisher has 30 lesson plans for 3rd & 4th graders and is looking for another pilot school. Hoping for new ideas for this year and next year.

Safety- The Safety Hands program is going to be terminated. Police Officers/Officer Friendly could speak with the classrooms about safety.

Blood Drive at Sundling on April 2nd. We are supposed to have 5 people sign up to donate blood.

Perhaps Monday, June 8th for last day of school, but it will be set at April Board Meeting.

Adjournment

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Approved:

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_____ Susanne Glazbrook,
Recording Secretary